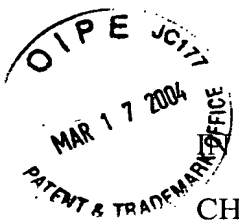


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RE APPLICATION OF :  
CHRISTIAN PITOT, ET AL. : EXAMINER: NGUYEN, L.V.  
SERIAL NO: 09/673,666 :  
FILED: JUNE 12, 2002 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2819  
FOR: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR THE :  
SEQUENTIAL ADDRESSING OF THE  
INPUTS OF A MULTIPLEXER OF A  
DATA ACQUISITION CIRCUIT

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

This Petition is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 3, 2004.

This Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 requests that the documents from the International Search Report, a copy of which was filed with the original application papers on November 7, 2000, and from an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed October 28, 2002, be acknowledged as considered.

More particularly, with the original application papers an International Search Report was filed and a "Request for Consideration of Documents Cited in International Search Report" was submitted. As noted in that paper there is no requirement for the Applicants to submit copies of the documents. For convenience a copy of that previously filed Search Report and the Request, and the date-stamped filing receipt indicating their filing, are enclosed herewith.

At this time applicants have not had any indication of an acknowledgement of consideration of those references. Applicants request that acknowledgment of consideration.

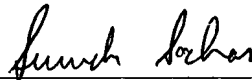
Also, applicants submitted an IDS on October 28, 2002, citing three documents AA-AC. That IDS was timely filed. For convenience a copy of that timely filed IDS and the date-stamped filing receipt indicating its filing are submitted herewith.

At this time applicants have not received an acknowledgement of consideration of the documents cited on that IDS. That is, applicants have not received the initialed PTO Form-1449 indicating acknowledgement of consideration of the references. Applicants request that acknowledgement of consideration for the timely filed IDS.

As the above-identified application has already been issued, applicants request an early action on the present Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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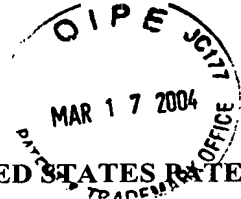
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EXAMINER:

FOR: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR THE SEQUENTIAL ADDRESSING OF THE INPUTS OF A MULTIPLEXER OF A DATA ACQUISITION CIRCUIT

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☐ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☒ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. Copies of the patent(s), together with copies of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) are attached along with PTO-1449.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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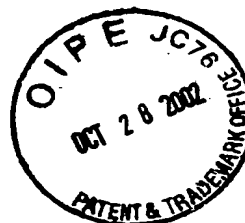
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SERIAL NUMBER: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION (based on PCT/FR00/00593)

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THE INPUTS OF A MULTIPLEXER OF A DATA ACQUISITION  
CIRCUIT

**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that applicant(s) request that the Examiner consider the documents cited in the International Search Report according to MPEP §609 and so indicate by a statement in the first Office Action that the information has been considered. When the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates both the search report and copies of the documents are present in the national stage file, there is no requirement for the applicant(s) to submit them (1156 O.G. 91 November 23, 1993).

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